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FM AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1977

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OVIP (TOLBERT, W.R.) ETEL, LI

SUBJECT: TOLBERT STATE VISIT -- PARTIAL SETTLEMENT OF POSTAL DEBT

REF: STATE 214126

1. IN MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SEPT 13, AMBASSADOR RAISED MATTER OF GOL INDEBTEDNESS TO USPS OF AMOUNT IN EXCESS DOLS 200,000 OF WHICH DOLS 98,442.36 WAS PAST DUE. PRESIDENT DIRECTED FINMIN PHILLIPS TO SETTLE THAT AMOUNT PRIOR TO STATE VISIT.

2. ON MORNING SEPT 17, DEPUTY FINMIN PADMORE CALLED COMMATT AND STATED THAT MINISTRY PREPARED DELIVER CHECK FOR PAST DUE AMOUNT AND ASKED HOW PAYEE LINE SHOULD READ. COMMATT OFFERED PROVIDE EXACT NAME OF APPROPRIATE PAYEE AND ADDRESS TO WHICH CHECK SHOULD BE SENT. PADMORE INDICATED HE, MINISTER AND PRESIDENT DESIRED MATTER BE SETTLED PRIOR PRESIDENT'S DEPARTURE AND SAID HE DESIRED MAKE CHECK PAYABLE USG WHICH WOULD BE HAND DELIVERED TO EMBASSY. COMMATT ACCEPTED PROPOSAL.

3. PADMORE CALLED AGAIN THAT AFTERNOON TO CONFIRM ARRANGEMENTS AND ASKED IF COMMATT WOULD SIGN RECEIPT (CONFIRMED). CHECK SHORTLY DELIVERED DRAWN ON "REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA - MINISTRY OF FINANCE, DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT, NATIONAL BANK OF LIBERIA, CHECK NO. E 38555". CHECK IN AMOUNT OF DOLS 98,442.36 (NINETY EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FORTY TWO DOLLARS AND THIRTY SIX CENTS) PAYABLE TO "UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT" FOR "PARTIAL
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SETTLEMENT OF LIBERIA'S OBLIGATION TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT FOR

POSTAL SERVICES ON BEHALF OF THE LIB. POSTAL EXCHANGE
MINISTRY". COMMATT SIGNED THREE COPIES OF RECEIPT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INFORM AMBASSADOR SOONEST THAT GOL
HAS TAKEN THIS ACTION.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE EMBASSY ON HANDLING OF CHECK
AND BEST WAY TO EFFECT TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO APPROPRIATE AGENCY.
EMBASSY WILL HOLD CHECK UNTIL ADVISEMENT.
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